

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:181

ANSWERED ON:14.12.2004

ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTANI AND BANGLADESHI NATIONALS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of infiltrators crossed at various points along Indian Borders during 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, border-wise;
- (c) the number of illegal migrants from various countries living in various States handed over to BSF for their deportation;
- (d) the number of such migrants who have been accepted by various countries;
- (e) the number of Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals arrested in Delhi during 2004 till date and the charges under which they have been arrested;
- (f) whether the Government propose to enact a fresh Act in place of IMDT;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the steps taken by the Government to check the infiltration and to deport infiltrators from the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.181 FOR ANSWER ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2004 BY PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA AND SHRI KASHIRAM RANA, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTANI AND BANGLADESHI NATIONALS

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. As this activity takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of the illegal immigration to India.

(c)&(d): It has not been possible to estimate with any degree of accuracy the exact number of illegal migrants from various countries living in various States. As and when illegal immigrants are detected, they are deported under the laid down procedure. During 2004 (uptil June 30, 2004), 11285 foreigners were deported to their respective countries.

(e): 13 Pakistani and 127 Bangladeshi nationals have been arrested in Delhi in 2004 (uptil November 30, 2004). The Pakistani nationals have been arrested under Officials Secrets Act and under various sections of IPC. The Bangladeshi nationals have been arrested mainly for dacoity, robbery, burglary, murder and under NDPS Act, Foreigner's Act and Arms Act.

(f): No, Sir.

(g): Does not arise.

(h): The following steps have been taken to check infiltration from across the border:

(i) fencing and Flood-lighting along borders;

(ii) round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling, both day and night, operations and nakas/ambushes;

(iii) conduct of special operation;

(iv) plugging of riverine/creek gaps with improvised fence;

- (v) upgradation of intelligence network;
- (vi) use of night vision devices;
- (vii) establishment of floating BOPs, and
- (viii) modernization of Border Guarding Forces.

The powers available to Central Government under the Foreigners Act to identify, detect and deport illegal migrants/foreigners residing in various parts of the country have been delegated to the State Governments/UT Administrations. As regards the State of Assam, detection of illegal migrants is done under the provisions of Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983. The Central Government has also prescribed a special procedure for detection and deportation of illegal Bangladeshis.